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In re application of:

HAAS, et al.

Application No.: 09/673,645

Filed: October 31, 2000



Atty. Docket No. 100564-00035

Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Meyers, Carla J.

For: DETECTION OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCES IN MICROORGANISMS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 15, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 2, 2002, a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time being attached hereto, the following Remarks are a full and complete response thereto.

REMARKS

Claims 1-52 are pending in the application and Claims 1-52 have been made subject to a Restriction Requirement. Claims 1-52 have been restricted to 12 different groups. Group I, which is directed towards methods of detecting antibiotic resistance in Helicobacter and includes Claims 1-17, 19, and 21-52, is hereby elected for prosecution. This election is made with traverse.

Additionally, the Examiner has required an election of species. SEQ ID NO: 1, corresponding to position 2058, is herein elected for prosecution as well. This election is also made with traverse.

It is submitted that it would not place an undue burden upon the Examiner to search all 12 groups at once. Additionally, it is submitted that it would not place an undue burden